

Election

The Examiner has identified claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions, namely:

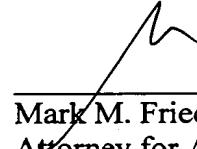
- Group I – method claims 1-16; and
- Group II – product claims 17-27.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims to one of these groups for examination purposes.

In response, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, method claims 1-16, for immediate consideration.

The Applicant looks forward to receiving the results of the Examiner's substantive examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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